

REMARKS

Claims 26-33 were pending in the application.

Claims 26-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicants respectfully assert that there is support in the Specification for newly added claims 26-33. No new matter has been introduced. In particular, at least page 10, lines 15; paragraph 2; page 11, line 27 – page 12, line 28; and Figure 2B of Applicants' Specification provides support for the amended claim limitations of claim 26.

Applicants respectfully assert that at least the following claim limitations discussed herein are not taught or suggested by Piccionelli (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0107965) (hereinafter "Piccionelli") and Nabkel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,328) either alone or in combination. Further, these claim limitations are not taught or suggested by Piccionelli and Deh-Lee U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0010357) (hereinafter "Deh-Lee") either alone or in combination

Piccionelli discloses a system for distributing live entertainment utilizing wide area computer networks (abstract and col. 2, lines 8-21). Nabkel discloses a communication system for engaging in a two-way negotiated call hold (abstract). Deh-Lee discloses a system for providing information regarding the arrival of a party (abstract).

Claim 26 recites, "said queue entry request further comprises ... a number of patrons in a party" and "selecting another patron to be served from said queue, wherein the another patron is selected based on position of the another patron in said queue and data provided in said queue entry request of the another patron."

Piccionelli does not disclose that the queue entry request further comprises a number of patrons in a party. Further, neither Nabkel nor Deh-Lee disclose providing a number of patrons in a party. Applicant asserts that Piccionelli does not require the number of patrons in a party to determine the patron's position in the queue. A patron

selects a performer and the performance is provide to the user online (Figure 1). The number of patrons in a party is of no concern in Piccionelli.

Piccionelli also fails to disclose that the another patron is selected based on data provided in said queue entry request of the another patron. As the queue entry request of Piccionelli does not provide information such as a number of patrons in a party, Piccionelli cannot selected based on such data provided in said queue entry request. Nabkel and Deh-Lee fail to teach the limitations not disclosed by Piccionelli.

Further, Piccionelli, Nabkel, and Deh-Lee, taken singly or in combination, do not teach or suggest the limitations recited in claim 26. Applicant notes that Piccionelli, Nabkel, and Deh-Lee are all directed to devices that do not provide a number of patrons in a party. Further, Applicant asserts that none of the references provide motivation to provide a number of patrons in a party. A number of patrons in a party would be completely irrelevant to the queue utilized by Piccionelli. Piccionelli provides online entertainment through a network. The ability to provide such online entertainment is in no way dependent on a number of patrons in a party. Therefore, the Applicant believes there is no motivation to provide a number of patrons in a party in Piccionelli.

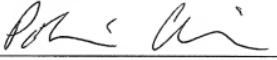
Applicant respectfully request that the rejections of claims 26-33 be withdrawn and an allowance of the claims.

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 26-33 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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